

ASTOR YACHT RAIDED AND WHISKEY SEIZED

The Nourmahal Invaded by
Customs Officers at N. Y.
Yacht Club Pier.

SIXTY BOTTLES FOUND

Liquor Said to Be Property
of Crew and Owner Is
Held Blameless.

TWO WOMEN ARE HELD

Accused of Selling Bogus With-
drawal Permits for 2,500
Cases in Warehouses.

Vincent Astor's yacht Nourmahal was raided yesterday by the United States Customs search and seizure squad while the vessel was lying off the pier of the New York Yacht Club in the East River. Sixty bottles of whiskey were seized.

M. P. Jackson, special deputy surveyor of the port, said the customs authorities were satisfied that Mr. Astor had no knowledge of the liquor, which is believed to have been the property of the crew. The yacht was boarded by the customs men because she had just returned from a trip to the West Indies, and all vessels entering this port from the southern islands are closely watched.

Mr. Jackson said specific orders were issued by Mr. Astor, who had left the yacht before the raid took place, that any liquor on board must go over the rail, or at any rate disposed of, before the Nourmahal came inside the three mile limit. These orders were issued to both the captain and the steward.

Mr. Jackson declared he was convinced the crew had "put something over on Mr. Astor."

At Mr. Astor's office it was stated that his first knowledge of the raid came over the telephone from a newspaper office. It was said also that after Mr. Astor gave his orders respecting liquor aboard the yacht the captain reported he had found none.

No arrests were made by the squad as there was no evidence of any member of the crew attempting to smuggle any of the liquor ashore.

Miss Helen Small and Mrs. Nellie O'Rourke, the women who are accused of selling for \$3,000 a set of bogus withdrawal papers, calling for the release of 2,500 cases of whiskey, to Harold B. Dobbs, special prohibition agent, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitecheck yesterday. They were held in \$2,500 bail each, charged with trafficking in counterfeit and forged government papers, and will be given a hearing on November 23.

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. O'Rourke is the widow of Eugene O'Rourke, a "vandal" who died about two years ago. Until recently, according to Wallace B. J. Collins, Assistant United States Attorney in Brooklyn, Mrs. O'Rourke ran the Lakeside Inn at Centrepont, L. I., which was purchased by her husband. She formerly was on the stage and returned to it for a time after the business at Centrepont failed.

Miss Small was employed for two years in the income tax division of the Internal Revenue Collector's office while "Big Bill" Edwards was Collector. Charles H. Griffiths is acting as counsel for both women.

The prohibition officials are trying to learn more about the persons whom the two women are believed to have represented in their alleged dealings in bogus liquor permits.

Acting Director Yellowley announced the revocation yesterday of five more permits belonging to Rudolph Lobecchio, manufacturer, of 78 West Houston street; Bernard Gruenberg, retail druggist, 1327 Southern Boulevard, The Bronx; Morris Moscovitz, manufacturer, 168 Broome street; Samuel Heftman, wholesale druggist, 415 East Fifth street, and M. Ditomozzo, wholesale druggist, 389 Central avenue, Brooklyn.

**KILLING OF MAN, 64,
DESCRIBED BY YOUTH**

Story of Setting Fire to House
Recounted.

BROOKLYN, Conn., Nov. 9.—Ernest Skinner, 17, accused of murder after an alleged confession that he had set fire to the house at Howard's Valley, Hampton, in which Clarence T. Miller, 64, was burned to death, is said to have amplified the confession at the county jail.

Howard A. Miller and Arthur V. Williams, State officers, who made the arrest, say Skinner told them of killing Miller with a hatchet; that Skinner said he knew Miller was going to New York State to visit relatives and broke into the house early yesterday to rob him of money he thought Miller had for the trip. The police allege that Skinner said Miller woke up; that he slashed off Miller's arm with a hatchet and then rained blows on his head until death came. Skinner, according to the officers, said he then went outside and set the house afire.

Last night at a Justice's hearing in Hampton Skinner pleaded guilty to a charge of murder, but this court, lacking jurisdiction, bound the lad over to the higher court.

**BANDIT VICTIM DIES
AFTER TRAIN HOLDUP**

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Arthur Moon, Pullman porter on the New Orleans limited train of the Illinois Central Railroad, who was wounded in the holdup of the train by bandits Monday night, died in a hospital at Champaign last night from his injuries.

The train was held up near Paxton, Ill., and a mail car looted and burned. Three railroad employees besides Moon were wounded, but not seriously.

Postal authorities, checking over the losses, were unable to give the amount of the loot obtained by the robbers, but said they did not think it would exceed \$400. The railroad announced that \$25,000 damage was done to the car.

HANGED IN AFTERNOON.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Frank Liggett, convicted slayer of his wife, a school teacher in Bartlett, Ill., was hanged at 2:28 P. M. in the Cook county jail.

The afternoon hanging, an innovation here, was because of the moral effect on other prisoners, Sheriff Charles Peters said.

WIFE GRABS GLASS AT BAR AND HANDS IT UP IN COURT

Magistrate Kochendorfer Receives Mrs. Scholl's
Evidence in Trial of Richmond Hill Coffee House
Proprietor on Liquor Selling Charge.

"This," said Mrs. Hulda Scholl of 11093 Liberty avenue, Richmond Hill, as she set down a glass of a formerly familiar shape filled with liquid to a comfortable depth in front of Magistrate Kochendorfer in Jamaica Court yesterday. "This, Judge, is what I snatched from in front of my husband the other day as he stood leaning against Tom Farrell's coffee bar."

Saying this Mrs. Scholl stepped back to await the Magistrate's decision on a charge of violation of the State prohibition act made against Farrell, who has a restaurant at 4393 Jerome avenue, Richmond Hill. While the Magistrate was alternately sniffing at the contents of the glass and holding it up to the light, Mrs. Scholl continued with her statement concerning the manner in which she obtained possession of what she had offered as evidence.

Mrs. Scholl said she had asked Far-

rell not to give her husband "any liquor." But matters, she said, failed to improve and she found her husband still was drawn to the restaurant. The restaurant used to be a saloon in the old palmy days, and she determined to investigate. She knew she must act quickly when she got a chance, so one day early in the week she tiptoed in the wake of her husband with her hat pulled rather well down over her eyes.

"I followed my husband and after remaining hidden nearby for a short time I suddenly dashed into the place and saw my husband at the bar, a glass of something in front of him. I grabbed the glass and covered it with my hand and dashed out again before any one knew what was happening."

After further examination of the glass and contents, Magistrate Kochendorfer paroled Farrell for a hearing next Wednesday.

BEER FLOWS HERE AGAIN--IN BREWERY

Only Reached Bottles Yet, but
May Get About City
To-morrow.

The soothing sound of beer—the pale gold and nut brown beer that was being poured into many bottles, will be heard to-day in the Georgia avenue plant of Piel Brothers in Brooklyn, and in the plant of the Liebmans Sons' Brewing Company, also in Brooklyn. Both these companies received from Washington yesterday their permits to manufacture and to bottle and sell medicinal beer.

W. F. J. Piel, general manager of Piel Brothers, said last night his company was prepared to start bottling at once, and that he expects to begin distribution to-morrow.

The beer will have a strength of from 4½ to 5½ per cent. by the volume or weight gauge, and of from 7 to 10 per cent. proof.

Mr. Piel said the retail price a bottle will probably range from 20 to 25 cents. A case will retail at about \$5.

He stated that requests have been received from some of the largest and most reputable drug firms in the country for price quotations, and the orders already received, although not numerous, have been big in volume, ranging from twenty-five to 200 cases.

It is expected there will be a marked increase in orders from the retail druggists, who will be the only persons licensed to sell the medicinal beer, just as soon as the question of permits is cleared up by Secretary Mellon and Commissioner Blair in Washington. It has not yet been determined, acting State Prohibition Director Yellowley said yesterday, whether a druggist's permit to sell distilled spirits on prescription will hold good for the sale of malt liquor.

He said also it is possible some druggists now possess permits which legalize the sale of both spirits and malt liquors, and that in such cases the druggist would be in a position to distribute beer just as soon as his order is filled by the brewery.

Mr. Piel said he was confident the authorities in Washington would make good their promise there would be no further delay in fixing the status of beer, and that druggists in States which were wet before the enactment of national prohibition would know within forty-eight hours just where they stand.

CALDER STRANGER TO HIM, SAYS COHEN

New York Man Put on Trial in
Liquor Bribery Disputes
Federal Agent.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.—In the trial of Louis Cohen, of New York, president of the New York Tunnel Trading Company, charged with attempting to bribe prohibition enforcement agents, Capt. Robert Flora, chief of the local enforcement staff, testified that in the negotiations preceding Cohen's alleged effort to bribe him the defendant told him Senator Calder of New York was behind him in his transactions.

After court closed for the day Cohen was quoted as saying he did not make the statement ascribed to him by Flora involving the name of Senator Calder; that he did not know Senator Calder, and so far as he knew never had seen him.

Mention of Senator Calder's name in the testimony caused a sensation among those in the court room who previously had heard Flora testify that Cohen had told of being obliged to pay \$7 to a "Republican campaign fund" in New York. The additional \$3 being destined to a "Republican campaign fund" in New York. Since this alleged conversation, it was brought out there had been a shakeup in New York Federal prohibition forces.

Captain Flora testified that the statement concerning Senator Calder was made during a meeting attended by himself, Cohen and Fred Counts, former Prohibition Enforcement Agent at Cleveland, in the Hotel Navarre, New York. The dry officers were in New York at the time investigating records and accounts of the Tunnel Trading Company and say they discovered evidence of prohibition violations and fraudulently obtained permits for the withdrawal of whiskey stored in warehouses.

According to the testimony of Capt. Flora, Cohen was unmoved at this conference and broke down, admitting that the two Government men had all the proofs against him and "could hang him if they wished." It was following this collapse that Cohen first offered a bribe of \$5,000 to the two officers for their silence and his immunity, the witness said.

"You gentlemen are getting very small salaries and you might just as well have this money like the others," Cohen said, according to Capt. Flora's testimony. "They are all doing it in New York as well as in other places." Flora said he and Counts refused to

take the money from Cohen in New York, but put him off in such a way that he would think them still open to bribery. This was done, the witness explained, to lure Cohen to Ohio, where he felt that prosecution could be made more sure and effective than in New York.

Calvin S. Weekly, special agent for the Department of Justice, testified that he placed a dictograph in one of the rooms at the Flora residence, where Cohen later met Capt. Flora and Mr. Counts. The instrument was installed behind a piano so that it was hidden from view, while the wires to the receiver led to a lower room where Mr. Weekly and his stenographer was stationed.

W. M. Bolan, stenographer, who was with Mr. Weekly, read his notes in court. They showed a general disjointed talk filled with such phrases as "sales of cases," "payments for permits" and the counting out of the money as the alleged \$5,000 bribe changed hands.

The finale occurred when the Government agents, at a prearranged signal, dashed into the room and seized Cohen and the money. The money was produced in court and identified by Commissioner Gregory as evidence placed in his hands on the night of Cohen's arrest.

13,920,692 ALIEN BORN RESIDENTS IN AMERICA

Census Shows 404,806 In-
crease Since 1910.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The total foreign born population of the United States on January 1, 1920, numbered 13,920,692, representing an increase of 404,806, or 3 per cent., since 1910, according to Census Bureau figures made public today. Of the total 6,493,088 were naturalized, 1,223,490 had taken out their first papers and 6,269,599 were aliens. Status of the remaining 805,509 was not ascertained by the enumerators.

The Census Bureau said the announcement was the first ever made showing the citizenship distribution of the entire foreign born population without distinction as to race, age or sex, previous statements having been limited to males 21 years of age and over.

The largest percentage naturalized in the total foreign born population of any State, 72.1, was shown for North Dakota, and the smallest, 14.3, for Arizona. The largest percentage of aliens, 78.7, was shown in Arizona, and the smallest, 11.6, in South Dakota.

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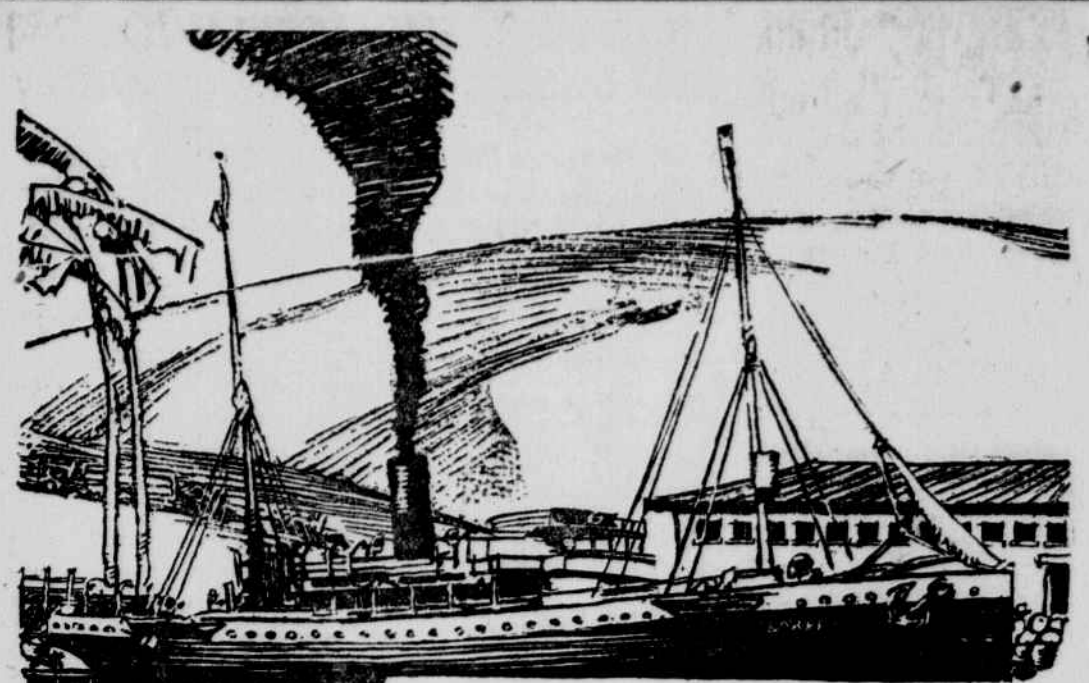
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